

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,537,550
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,076,106
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,091,508
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,219,701
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,411,974
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,597,469
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 6,642,943

- (8) Japan 08-235097

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. Application:

	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Attorney Docket No.</u>
(9)	09/559,455	Haruo Machida	04/28/00	2173	03500.014455
(10)	09/560,184	Haruo Machida	04/28/00	2155	03500.014453

The above-listed documents were cited in parent Application No. 09/560,969 and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. Copies of

documents (6), (8) and (9) are provided herewith. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the Patent and Trademark Office files for review of documents (1) to (5) and (7). See MPEP § 609. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that the information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the attached form PTO-1449.

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